

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMISSION ON ETHICS

COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION  
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE  
NRS 281.511(3)

**COMMISSION PANEL: GEORGE KEELE AND JIM KOSINSKI**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION  
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF  
Chip Maxfield, Member  
Clark County Commission

Request for Opinion  
No. 04-72

On August 22, 2005 and September 28, 2005, pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendations Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion filed herein, and all related documents and determined that just and sufficient cause does not exist for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegations that Mr. Maxfield violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(2), NRS 281.481(7), NRS 281.481(9), NRS 281.501(2), NRS 281.501(4), or NRS 281.505, and the allegations were dismissed. Specifically, the panel found no evidence of any act in violation of the Ethics in Government Law by Mr. Maxfield as it relates to his participation in a March 7, 2001 vote regarding a proposed zoning amendment by applicant Brent Lovett, who alleged Mr. Maxfield knew of Mr. Lovett's participation as an expert witness in an unrelated lawsuit which had the potential to impact Mr. Maxfield vis-à-vis his then pecuniary interest in Southwest Engineering. The panel found no evidence Mr. Maxfield knew of Mr. Lovett's involvement in the lawsuit at the time of the March 7, 2001 vote; therefore, Mr. Maxfield had no obligation to disclose or abstain pursuant to NRS 281.501. Further, the panel found no evidence to support the allegation Mr. Maxfield used his position in government nor any county resources to harass or retaliate against Mr. Lovett in any manner.

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, DISMISSED.

DATED: September 28, 2005

Stacy M. Jennings  
Stacy M. Jennings, MPA, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in a Federal Express envelope and caused it to be sent via overnight delivery service, addressed as follows:

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Dated: September 28, 2005

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